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Honorable Commissioner:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned application. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an extension of time for 1 month from May 17, 2004 up to and including June 17, 2004 with fee by credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1744, in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology, Inc.